<u>AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS</u>

The claims in this listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A facsimile apparatus for transmitting data to a facsimile destination via a public telecommunication network, comprising:

a receiver ~~that receives~~ <u>configured to receive</u> e-mail data from a sender;

a memory ~~that stores~~ <u>configured to store</u> a password and a domain name;

an ~~acquiring section that acquires~~ <u>acquirer configured to acquire</u> a password and a sender domain name from the sender, the sender domain name being included in a sender address;

a ~~converter that~~ <u>configured to convert</u> converts the e-mail data into facsimile data;

a comparator ~~that compares~~ <u>configured to compare</u> the password and the sender domain name acquired by said ~~acquiring section~~ <u>acquirer</u>, with the password and the domain name stored in said memory respectively; and

a facsimile transmitter ~~that~~ <u>configured to,</u> when a result of the comparison indicates that the password and the sender domain name acquired are the same as the password and the domain name stored in said memory, ~~transmits~~ <u>transmit</u> the facsimile data to the facsimile destination, and that, when a result of the comparison indicates that the password and the sender domain name acquired are not the same as the password and the domain name stored in said memory, does not transmit the facsimile data to the facsimile destination.

12. (Currently Amended) The facsimile apparatus according to claim 11, further

comprising a transmitter ~~that transmits~~ <u>configured to transmit</u> error mail to the sender when a result of the comparison indicates that the password and the sender domain name acquired by said ~~acquiring section~~ <u>acquirer</u> are not the same as the password and the domain name stored in said memory.

13. (Previously Presented) The facsimile apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the facsimile destination is designated by a facsimile destination address included in the e-mail data.

14. (Previously Presented) The facsimile apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the sender is a personal computer.

15. (Previously Presented) The facsimile apparatus according to claim 11, wherein, when the facsimile data is transmitted to the facsimile destination, a log including information relating to the sender and the facsimile destination is transmitted to a manager node.

16. (Currently Amended) A facsimile apparatus for transmitting data to a facsimile destination via a public telecommunication network, comprising:

a LAN interface ~~section that receives~~ <u>configured to receive</u> e-mail data from a sender;

a memory ~~that stores~~ <u>configured to store</u> at least one domain name;

an ~~acquiring section that acquires~~ <u>acquirer configured to acquire</u> a sender domain name, included in a sender address, from the sender;

a converter ~~that converts~~ <u>configured to convert</u> the e-mail data into facsimile data;

a comparator ~~that compares~~ <u>configured to compare</u> the sender domain name acquired by

said ~~acquiring section~~ acquirer, with the domain name stored in said memory; and

a facsimile transmitter ~~section that~~, when the acquired sender domain name is the same as the domain name stored in said memory, ~~transmits~~ transmit the facsimile data to a designated facsimile destination.

17.   (Currently Amended) The facsimile apparatus according to claim 16, wherein said LAN interface ~~section~~, said memory, said ~~acquiring section~~ acquirer, said converter, said comparator, and said facsimile transmitter ~~section~~ are integrated in the facsimile apparatus.

18.   (Currently Amended) A facsimile apparatus for transmitting data to a facsimile destination via a public telecommunication network, comprising:

a receiver ~~that receives~~ configured to receive e-mail data from a sender;

a password table ~~that stores~~ configured to store passwords;

an ~~acquiring section that acquires~~ acquirer configured to acquire a password from a destination address attached to the e-mail data; and

a transmitter ~~that transmits~~ configured to transmit facsimile data converted from the e-mail data, to the facsimile destination via the public telecommunication network when the acquired password is stored in said password table,

wherein said transmitter ~~does~~ is configured to not transmit the facsimile data to the facsimile destination when the acquired password is not stored in said password table.

19.   (Currently Amended)   The facsimile apparatus according to claim 18, further comprising:

a domain name table ~~that stores~~ <u>configured to store</u> a plurality of domain names;

wherein said ~~acquiring section~~ <u>acquirer</u> acquires a sender domain name, included in a sender address, from the sender, and said transmitter transmits the facsimile data, converted from the e-mail data, to the facsimile destination via the public telecommunication network when the sender domain name acquired from the sender is stored in said domain name table.

20. (Previously Presented) A method for transmitting data to a facsimile destination, using a facsimile apparatus via a public telecommunication network, the facsimile apparatus having a memory that stores a password and a domain name:

receiving e-mail data from a sender;

acquiring a password, and a sender domain name, included in a sender address, from the sender;

converting the e-mail data into facsimile data;

comparing the password and the sender domain name acquired, with the password and the domain name stored in the memory respectively; and

transmitting, the facsimile data to the facsimile destination when a result of the comparison indicates that the password and the sender domain name acquired are the same as the password and the domain name stored in the memory, and not transmitting the facsimile data to the facsimile destination, when a result of the comparison indicates that the password and the sender domain name acquired is not the same as the password and the domain name stored in the memory.

21. (Previously Presented) A method for transmitting data to a facsimile destination, using a facsimile apparatus via a public telecommunication network, the facsimile apparatus

having a memory that stores at least one domain name:

receiving e-mail data from a sender;

acquiring a sender domain name, included in a sender address, from the sender;

converting the e-mail data into facsimile data;

comparing the acquired sender domain name, with the domain name stored in the memory; and

transmitting the converted facsimile data to the facsimile destination, when a result of the comparison indicates that the sender domain name acquired are the same as the domain name stored in the memory, and not transmitting the facsimile data to the facsimile destination, when a result of the comparison indicates that the sender domain name acquired are not the same as the domain name stored in the memory.